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 Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by	эу ар	reviously file	ed
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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

X A verified English language translation of German priority document No. 100 59 236.8.

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